

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 (previously presented):     A component part for a fuel battery comprising:  
a pair of separator plates which are arranged in parallel to each other in a state of having a gap between contact surfaces thereof opposing to each other; and  
a gasket arranged in a gasket groove, which is provided in one or both of said separator plates, and glued to each of both said separator plates,  
wherein said gasket is made of an elastic body;  
said elastic body is formed on one of said separator plates by means of a dispenser method or a screen printing method;  
an initial height  $h$  of said elastic body is set to be 105% to 130% of a groove gap  $d_2$  of said gasket groove;  
opposite surfaces of said elastic body are adhered to said separator plates through adhesives; and  
when assembling the fuel battery cell, said separator plates are compressed so that said contact surfaces of said separator plates are closely contacted with each other, then said elastic body is compressed in said gasket groove so that a height  $h$  of said elastic body is equal to the groove gap  $d_2$ , thereby forming a gasket having a low reaction force in said gasket groove.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (new)     A method for assembling a component part for a fuel battery comprising the steps of:

arranging a pair of separator plates in parallel to each other in a state of having a gap between contact surfaces thereof opposing to each other; and

arranging a gasket in a gasket groove, which is provided in one or both of said separator plates, and gluing the gasket to each of both said separator plates, wherein said gasket is made of an elastic body;

forming said elastic body on one of said separator plates by means of a dispenser method or a screen printing method;

setting an initial height  $h$  of said elastic body to be 105% to 130% of a groove gap  $d_2$  of said gasket groove;

adhering opposite surfaces of said elastic body to said separator plates through adhesives; and

when assembling the fuel battery cell, compressing said separator plates so that said contact surfaces of said separator plates are closely contacted with each other, then compressing said elastic body in said gasket groove so that a height  $h$  of said elastic body is equal to the groove gap  $d_2$ , thereby forming a gasket having a low reaction force in said gasket groove.